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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (TAC) REPORT

REF: A) 75 IAEA VIENNA 10080, B) IAEA VIENNA 9884,  
C) 75 STATE 280829

1. SUMMARY: FEBRUARY BG WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE  
NOTE OF REPORT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE  
(TAC) AS ITEM ONE OF AGENDA. THIS CABLE SEEKS  
INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ON THIS AGENDA ITEM. REQUEST  
FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WILL FOLLOW SEPTELS. END  
SUMMARY.

2. RESULTS OF TAC REPORTED BY MISSION REF. A.  
ONE OF PRINCIPAL GOALS OF USDEL THAT MEETING WAS  
TO IDENTIFY FUEL REPROCESSING AS ACTIVITY  
WHICH WOULD ATTRACT SAFEGUARDS IF AGENCY IS TO  
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PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. THIS GOAL WAS ACHIEVED, AS INDICATED IN SUMMARY RECORD OF MEETING (GOV/COM.8/OR.36, POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND ERDA JANUARY 30), WHEREIN PARA. 51 NOTES:

"IN THE ONE CASE IN WHICH THE PROVIDING OF ASSISTANCE WOULD LEAD TO THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS WERE IT NOT FOR THE FACT THAT ALL NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN THE MEMBER STATE CONCERNED WAS AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS PURSUANT TO A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THAT STATE AND THE AGENCY (GOV/COM.8/53/CORR.1/REV.1, PARA. 2), THE ASSISTANCE IN QUESTION WOULD CONSIST OF THE SERVICES OF AN EXPERT TO ADVISE ON DETAILED ENGINEERING, THE DESIGN OF PROCESS EQUIPMENT, THE OPERATION OF PULSED COLUMNS AND THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF THE NECESSARY SAFETY INSTALLATIONS OF A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PILOT PLANT."

THE PARAGRAPH REFERRED TO STATES THAT ALL BUT ONE OF THE PROJECTS COVERED BY THE SCHEDULE (AS REVISED WITH DELETION OF PROJECTS IN ARGENTINA FOR HOT CELL DESIGN, PLUTONIUM FUEL AND REPROCESSING) WILL NOT ATTRACT SAFEGUARDS.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION RECORD ALSO NOTES IN PARA 53 THAT U.S. "... QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF USING AGENCY RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE NATIONAL REPROCESSING PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE AGENCY'S STUDY OF REGIONAL FUEL CENTERS WAS STILL UNDERWAY."

5. SIMILAR POINTS ALSO RAISED BY PHILIPPINE REP. (SIAZON) IN PARA. 17 OF SUMMARY RECORD OF TAC, VIZ.:

"REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PROJECTS SHOULD, IN HIS OPINION, BE CLASSED AS "FOOTNOTE A" REQUESTS, TO BE MET FROM NON-AGENCY RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE AGENCY WAS SPENDING CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS ON A STUDY OF THE CONCEPT OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS-- A CONCEPT WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTED. HE PROPOSED ALSO THAT IN FEBRUARY THE BOARD CON-

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SIDER WHAT TYPE OF SAFEGUARDS MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE FOR SUCH PROJECTS."

UNFORTUNATELY, PHILIPPINE REP. OUT OF VIENNA AND NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL FEBRUARY 20. MISSION DOES NOT KNOW HIS INTENTIONS RE FEBRUARY BOARD CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM, BUT WE INTEND TO CONSULT AS SOON AS HE RETURNS AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN

POSITION TO TELL HIM OF OUR INTENTIONS.

6. ASSUMING THAT PHILIPPINE REP. WILL NOT PRESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AS SUGGESTED IN HIS STATEMENT, OR CAN BE CONVINCED NOT TO, MISSION RECOMMENDS FOREGOING POINTS BE REINFORCED IN BG IN FORM OF STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH:

(A) EXPECTS THAT SECRETARIAT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF GOVERNORS, INCLUDING U.S., THAT AGENCY'S RESOURCES NOT BE USED TO ASSIST NATIONAL FUEL REPROCESSING ACTIVITIES, AT LEAST UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE AGENCY'S STUDY OF REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS;

(B) NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT RECORD OF TAC MAKES CLEAR THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY AGENCY FOR REPROCESSING ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED, IN ANY EVENT, ONLY IF FACILITIES CONCERNED IN STATE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS;

(C) OBSERVES THAT THERE ARE OTHER TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PLUTONIUM HANDLING, WHICH SHOULD SIMILARLY ATTRACT SAFEGUARDS, IF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY;

(C) CALLS UPON SECRETARIAT, IN CONSIDERING REQUESTS FOR ANY FORM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WHETHER FOR EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT, FELLOWSHIPS OR TRAINING, TO IDENTIFY THOSE REQUESTS WHICH, IF MET, WILL ATTRACT SAFEGUARDS, AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN SUCH CASES; AND,

(E) REQUESTS DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN FUTURE DOCUMENTATION FOR TAC, TO INDICATE THOSE PROPOSED PROJECTS WHICH SHOULD ATTRACT SAFEGUARDS.

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7. MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACTION THIS ITEM DURING FEBRUARY BG MEETING.LABOWITZ

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